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"DON Q"QUEEN'S FINE HOLIDAY
PICTURE

ADVENTURE AND ROMANCE.

"Don Q," the great adventure film now showing at the Queen's Theatre eclipses all Douglas Fairbanks' previous efforts, and holds the spectator almost breathless from the very first scene until the last. To his other accomplishments the actor has now added that of wielding a long Californian whip with such address that he seems to be able to do anything he likes with it. It serves him to whisk a piece of burning wood from the fire with which to light his cigarette, and, a moment later, to lay his enemy by the heels. As for his agility in other directions the feats he performs must be seen to be believed. Always he enters and leaves a house by the window, however high up it may be, rather than by the door, and he slips through the fingers of any who attempt to lay hands on him, as easily as an eel. The complicated adventure, moreover, in which he is involved, is brought about in a perfectly plausible manner. Like all the de Vegas, of California, Don Cesar has returned to Spain, the home of his fathers, in order to complete his education as a man of the world. His skill with the whip attracts the notice of a Queen, and he is thus brought into contact with a visiting Austrian he has insulted, and suspicion falls on the young visitor from California. He escapes arrest, and the remainder of the play is concerned with the ultimate fixing of guilt on the real culprit, concluding with the marriage of the young de Vegas to the daughter of a Spanish grandee whose heart he has stormed at the first glance. Some of the subsidiary characters are gems of characterisation, notably the Archduke of Warne Oland, the Don Fabrique of Jean Hersholt, and the Don Sebastian of Donald Crisp, but the play is essentially Douglas Fairbanks' own. He is seldom absent from the screen.

UNUSUAL STORY.WORLD'S CURRENT
ATTRACTION.

"PEACOCK FEATHERS."

"Peacock Feathers," the Universal-Jewel now showing at the World Theatre, after three days very successful run at The Star, is unusual and exceedingly well done in both plot and acting.

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He convinces the girl of his newly got wealth and they marry, planning to honeymoon on the ranch. When they arrive they find that the place is a dilapidated, neglected tract with a shack in the last stages of decay. The girl is fierce in her blame of her young husband and accuses him of tricking her.

When the girl sees her husband injured by an avalanche the tide of the story turns into a startling climax.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 14th to the 29th December, 1925, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. D. THOMSON,
Acting Secretary,
Hongkong, 11th Dec., 1925.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. F. MUNFORD is no longer connected with this Company, and ceased to sign as Secretary from 1st December, 1925.

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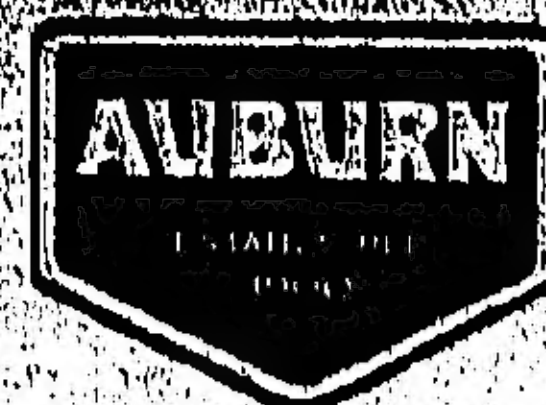
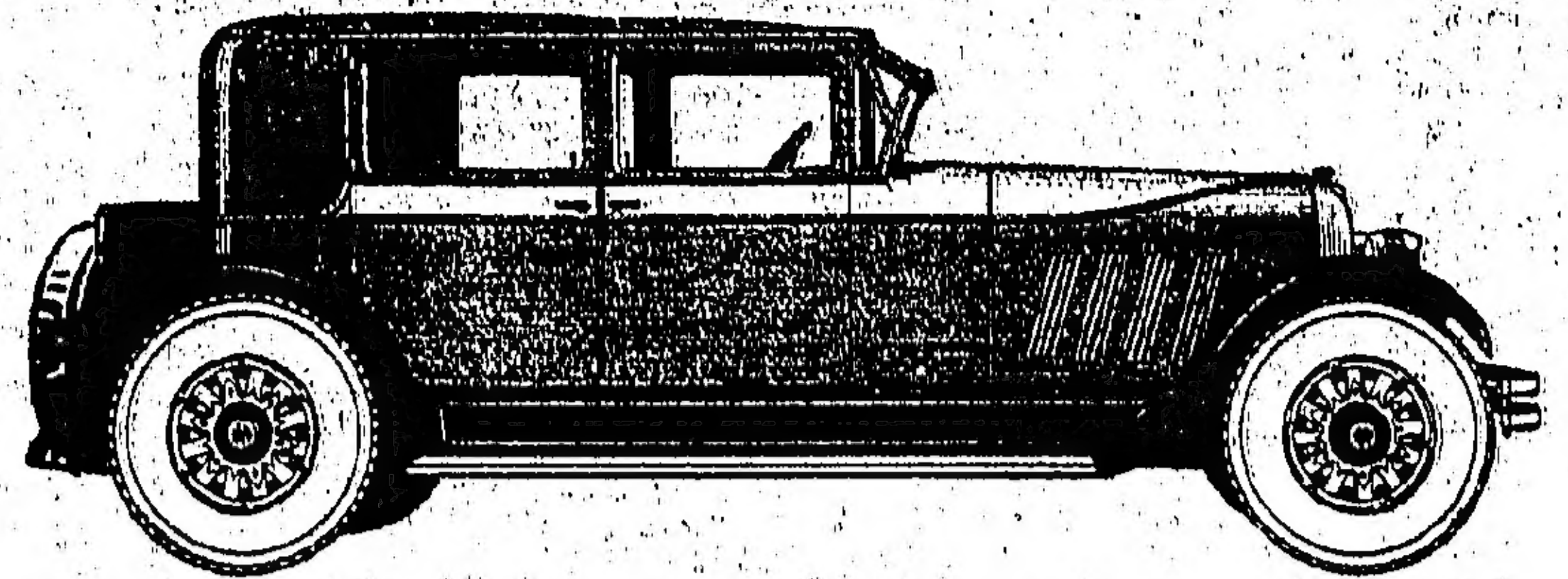
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GENERAL HOLIDAYS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all FIRE and MARINE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on FRIDAY, and SATURDAY, the 25th and 26th December, 1925.

By Order,
LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS,
Secretaries,
FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG,
MARINE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF
HONGKONG & CANTON,
Hongkong, 23rd December, 1925.

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Hongkong, 21st December, 1925.

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By Order,
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Managing Editor.
Hongkong, 19th December, 1925.

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TO-MORROW'S SPECIAL SERVICES.

The Patronal Festival of St. John's Cathedral takes place to-morrow (Sunday) which is to be made a Thanksgiving Sunday. As the Church is dedicated to St. John, once a year his gospel is thought of especially, and the responsibility of the Church for its furtherance.

This year St. John's Day is actually on a Sunday and a special effort to make the celebration worthy of the day has been made.

In the last two years great and successful efforts have been made to beautify and return the Cathedral and to make it more worthy of our English tradition. Among other things the Side Chapel has been enlarged and improved; and a dignified organ casing has been erected. These many improvements are costing a great deal of money and it is hoped that in addition to taking part in the Thanksgiving service, those interested will help in raising the thirteen thousand dollars that are required. Services are held as follows:—Holy Communion, 8.00 a.m.; (at the Peak Church), 8.15 a.m.; Children's Service, 10.00 a.m.; Matins and Sermon, 11.00 a.m.; Holy Communion, 12.00 noon; Evensong and Sermon, 6.00 p.m.

By the kind permission of Captain W. J. Lake, R.N., the string band of H.M.S. "Hawkins" will play music from 5.45 to 6 p.m. Carols will be sung at the Evening Service.

The congregation is asked to be seated for Evensong at 5.45 p.m.

TRAMWAY CASE.

EVADING PAYMENT OF FARE.

WATCHMAN FINED.

An Indian watchman was charged at the Central Magistrate's Court this morning with evading payment of tram fare while travelling in a car from Causeway Bay to Shaukiwan.

From facts given in Court it appeared that the defendant travelled from the central district to Causeway Bay and there changed into another car. When asked to pay his fare he tendered his old ticket.

A fine of \$5 was imposed under an ordinance which makes it an offence to produce a ticket issued in one car while travelling in another.

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A Useful Calendar.
A useful desk or wall calendar of the three months at a glance type has been received from Mackintosh and Co., Ltd.

MOTOR ACCIDENT.

CHINESE SERIOUSLY INJURED.

A Chinese pedestrian was knocked down by a motor lorry at Queen's Road West shortly after 9 o'clock this morning.

The man was taken to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries which are believed to be serious.

Mr. R. A. C. North has been appointed to act as a deputy registrar of marriages.

Snow is no longer heard of in Hongkong to be a place where a contagious disease prevails, states the "Gazette."

Mr. Rinald Rusk has been appointed to act as an Assistant Tax Officer, Northern District, New Zealand.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.

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FRATERNITY PARTY.

HONGKONG MERCHANTS LEAVE TO-DAY.

RETURN ON WEDNESDAY.

The Fraternity Party, consisting of about 300 Hongkong Chinese merchants, left at 8 a.m. to-day by the s.s. "Paul Beau" on a visit to Canton unofficially to establish friendly relations. The party returns on Wednesday.

Passing of S.S. "Honam." The run down from Canton to-day of the s.s. "Honam" will be her last, after over 40 years' service with the Company.

The s.s. "Lung Shan" went alongside the Steamboat Company's wharf this morning. She will take up the Canton run on Monday.

WAR IN NORTH.

(Reuter's Service.)

Shanghai, December 24. Tientsin Central Station is in the hands of the Kuomintang (People's Army under the banner of the "Christian General," Marshal Feng Yu-shiang).

General Li Ching-shan with his Staff have fled to the Japanese Concession, where extraordinary precautions are being taken to prevent the ingress of the defeated soldiers.

The British Volunteers have been called out. A wireless message, despatched from Tientsin at 1.15 this afternoon, stated that the forces of Li Ching-shan (Tupan of Chihli) were in full retreat.

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HI! RICSHA.

It is an outstanding fact that the troubles all over China have not lessened the desire on the part of foreigners to continue ameliorative, charitable and Christian work amongst the Chinese—and especially amongst those who, at home, would be described as "the bottom dog." Examples of this fact abound. The latest one is the annual report of the Shanghai Mission to Ricsha Men, directed by Mr. George Matheson, who, we believe, is a former policeman "and with whom quite possibly there never would have been" such a mission. The Mission was founded in June 1913 "as the outcome of profound sympathy evoked by close observation of the hardships of the ricsha man's life." The object of the Mission is to uplift and help the coolies generally, and to ameliorate, as far as possible, the condition of the sick and destitute among them. Truly a noble work. This particular annual report tells us that in the recent troubles in Shanghai, the ricsha coolies, "who one would have thought could have been most easily intimidated, as a body, stood firm." They were threatened, boycotted by their own people, cajoled and eventually subjected to much violence, but they stuck to their work. Surely all this is "not bad" for ricsha coolies! Here in Hongkong we take the ricsha man for granted. He is a grasping fellow of course, eager to press an illegal demand for increased fare, and perhaps not quite honest. A police sergeant has said in court that it is a common practice for coolies to take possession of articles left in their rishas. And yet our news sheets are not overburdened with reports of cases against these men. We venture to suggest that according to his lights, the ricsha man is as honest as most men. He is a necessity, but is not, we fear, treated as such. Ere this we have suggested a mission of some sort to Hongkong ricsha men. One was contemplated but never got beyond the bounds of contemplation. They tell us—it may be a Hongkong legend—that the life of a ricsha puller does not approach the three score years and ten—but only three years. They

also tell us the ricsha is doomed. The advance of the motor vehicle is pushing it out of existence. It may be so, but we do not see in these statements any reason to prevent any ameliorative movement being started. If John Wesley were here he might, on seeing a ricsha puller, say—"There, but for the grace of God goes John Wesley"—but we rather think he would have aroused the rich, the sleek, the indolent, the care-free and the indifferent, to a sense of their moral duty. We take off our hats to Mr. George Matheson and his Mission to Ricsha Men, and repeat our favourite hackneyism—"They do these things better in Shanghai."

Bolshevism in Canton.

An interesting sidelight on Bolshevism in Canton is given by Mr. W. E. Priestley, a Seattle business man, in the course of an interview with the "Japan Advertiser." It appears that Mr. Priestley had a conversation with M. Borodin, the head of the Soviet delegation, and was assured that the Russians are not trying to convert China to Bolshevism. Oh, no! The genial Bolshevik chief naively puts his case in another way. The Soviet purpose, he told the American visitor, is to make China a strong nation in order that she might serve as a buffer State between Asiatic Russia and the rest of the world, adding: "We can take care of our front door, but we need protection for our back door." Mr. Priestley explains the Bolshevik propaganda against the British as being due to the fact that "the British are in control of Hongkong," adding the queer assertion that there is "a certain amount of Chinese prejudice against the British in the Canton district." Mr. Priestley, however, does not think that the Chinese will ever be converted to the principle of Bolshevism. "The only appeal of Bolshevism might be in Government ownership of land," he explains, "and as most of the Chinese farmers own their own land there is little chance for appealing to them on that basis. The only elements to whom Bolshevism might appeal would be the tenant farmer and the student class. The students are a solid and noisy unit in China at present and are to be reckoned with. M. Borodin, the head of the Soviet delegation in Canton, admitted to me that he did not believe that China could ever be won over to Bolshevism." That belief, however, will not be permitted to stand in the way of M. Borodin giving the Chinese heads in the Canton Government a few more extra strong doses of Bolshevik propaganda!

THEY SAY THAT—

The date is very far distant when American wheat will produce only enough wheat for itself.—Lord Bledisloe.

You cannot do honour to the stage and to our art unless you behave yourselves off the stage.—Mrs. Kendal (to the students of the B.A.D.A.).

Art in this country is confused vaguely with modes, uplift, prettiness, ugliness, beauty, or portrait-painting of society's beauties.—C. R. W. Nevins.

It must be brought home to women that the chief cause of one form of cancer is that they do not bear children at an earlier age and in large numbers.—Dr. Hastings.

Those who cannot manage industry will have to get out of it. People who cannot get on with workmen will have to find some other occupation.—Sir Alfred Mond, M.P.

Waterloo Bridge is something more than a mere means of transit from one side of the river to the other. It is a noble national monument.—Sir Reginald Blomfield.

Men insist on generalising about women. Instead of regarding them as so many millions of individuals with separate temperaments and outlooks all they see is an odd conglomerate being which they call women.—Rose Macaulay.

If a careful examination were made of our industrial disputes within the last ten or fifteen years people would be amazed to find that the cause of these disputes was in the main not hours and wages but other things.—J. H. Thomas, M.P.

CORRESPONDENCE.

RATIONALISM.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—Some months ago I sent you a communication called for by the report of the speeches at the annual dinner of the Rationalist Association, of this city. That function will soon come around again, and, as I previously recommended its members to read an article on "The Irrationalism of Infidelity," to be found in your City Hall library, I now beg to recommend a work by an author of their own ilk, Herbert Spencer's "Autobiography." Being kept away from my proper sphere of work by the disturbed conditions in China, I have spent a few weeks in your city, and, to occupy time somewhat profitably, have taken this book from the library. All biographies are interesting, and this one is especially so, not only because of the place filled by its author, but also because of its excellent style.

Had I the time, and you the space, I would like to write at some length, but as it is, I will only ask you to allow me to call attention to one point, viz., the repression of the author's emotional nature. Strong affections were innate. When a boy of nine he went, without his mother's knowledge, a distance of seven miles to see his father, and ran most of the way. When thirteen, he ran away from school, and travelled one hundred and fifteen miles to get back home, walking most of the way, weeping.

But his father became very nervous and, consequently, irritable. And Herbert, being rather disobedient, got many scoldings, though few, if any, whippings. With the result, as I intimated above, that his affections were repressed, for want of an object. His circumstances, in his opinion, did not permit of his marrying, until marrying time was past: so here again he missed having an object for his affections. I may cite a letter, written in reply to one in which he was advised to marry, as a likely cure for his "Rationalism." He says:—

"No one is more thoroughly convinced than I am that bachelorhood is an unnatural and very injurious state. Ever since I was a boy (when I was unfortunate in having no brothers or sisters) I have been longing to have my affections called out. I have been in the habit of considering myself but half alive; and have often said that I hoped to begin to live some day." Autobiography, Vol. I, p. 478.

Now, this is a tremendous lack. Love surpasses knowledge. Spencer was a pretty good lover and a pretty good hater; but his affections, except his friendships, were impersonal. His philanthropy was general—towards Man, not men. Of God he knew nothing: He was "Unknownable." Christ He did not believe in. Thus the only right object for human affections, speaking absolutely, he could not have. But the consciousness of need, expressed in the above extract, increased with years, and he closes the "Autobiography" with these words:—

"Thus religious creeds, which in one way or other occupy the sphere that rational interpretation seeks to occupy, and fails; and fails the more, the more it seeks; I have come to regard with a sympathy based on a COMMUNITY OF NEED feeling that dissent from them results from inability to accept the solutions offered, joined with THE WISE THAT SOLUTIONS COULD BE FOUND."

That brought him to the age of seventy-three. He lived to be over eighty. What changes may have taken place in the intervening years?

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Yours truly,
JOHN L. WILLIS.
Hongkong, Dec. 23, 1925.

The "Gazette" notifies that next Saturday will be observed as a general holiday.

SHREDS AND PATCHES.

It was most foul
DECEMBER 26, weather, and so
1861. I went into an
alehouse and there
eat some cakes and ale and a
washeal-bowle woman and girl
came to us and sung to us.

PRYVS.

I walked quite over
DECEMBER 27, the fields home by
1865. light of luke one
of my waterman
carrying it, I reading by the light
of it, it being a very fine clear dry
night.

PRYVS.

A Hongkong man
BURN THERE has a son at college
HIMSELF. at home, and last
week the young man
wrote home a long letter, which
his mother proceeded to read to
his father when he arrived home
that evening.

"Of course," the letter ran, "the
main thing about a place like this
is the atmosphere. It is not the
actual learning that counts, but
the spirit that pervades the college,
the splendid effect of contact with
great minds, the noble thoughts—"
"That'll do," interrupted dad,
"what's the young beggar failed
in this time?"

Let us look at a
SMALL WORDS. few of the smaller
words of our won-
derful language, and note in how
many different ways they can be
used. Here is a group, for con-
sideration. All, any, enough, little,
no, none, some, whole. These are
words we use every day without
a thought, and they have the pecu-
liarity that they can all be used
as nouns, just as table, or justice,
or Henry can be used. We can
say: "All is lost!" "I don't need
any." "Enough is as good as a
feast." "Little will serve to please
him." "He deserves mercy, but ex-
pects none." "Much expects
more."

It is not well, however, to use
these concentrated forms too freely
or too often. It is best to supply
the omitted noun itself. For in-
stance, we may write these sen-
tences in this plain way: "All hope
is lost." "I don't need any
(money, food, thanks)." "Enough
(food) is as good as a feast."
"He expects no mercy, although
he deserves it," etc. Though we com-
monly say: "We have enough to
do," we really mean "We have
enough work to do."

SHAKESPEARE'S SEA EXPERIENCE.

Shakespeare's knowledge of the
sea always struck me as remark-
able. For an inland-born poet he
was very fond of sea-similes, and
astonishingly accurate in his use
of nautical technicalities. How
did he acquire his knowledge?

I like to think that in the
obscure early years of the poet's
life in London he made a trip to
sea, perhaps as an adventurer in
one of the ships that smashed up
the Armada. At least, no one can
prove he didn't; and to my mind
what more likely than that a high-
spirited youth doing odd jobs
about the old Shoreditch theatre,
in the scrambling and unquiet
times when Medina Sidonia was
fitting out, should join some salt,
scarred vessel and get his sea-
experience hanging on to the
skirts of some bulky Spaniard in
the Narrow Seas? At any rate
it would account for the great
number of his sea similes and
straight-forward use of sea terms.

His use of marine technical-
ities was far wider than that of
any of his contemporaries. He
mentions nearly all the parts of
a ship and he mentions them with
evident knowledge of their
various functions. "The giddy
footing of the hatches," as the
open gratings of the main-deck of
an Elizabethan ship were called;
the admiral bearing "the lantern
in the poop"; the shrouds that
"stay" the mast; "the high top-
gallant"—they had no royals in
those days; "the small spare
mast such as seafaring men pro-
vide for storms," these and many
others he alludes to casually but
with absolute correctness.

Might he have learnt so much
from ships lying in the London
river, and not so very far from
Bankside? Granted: many an
adventurous bark must have put
forth from the Pool, with or
without a royal hand-wave, and
in due time returned, with holds
stuffed full of strange merchandise,
and sunburnt crews, whose
tongues wagged of still stranger
stories of fabulously rich Eldo-
rads to the south and west. The
poet might even have learnt there
from what the "remainder" his
cut after "a voyage" is like.

Shakespeare uses the word
"ALL" in two consecutive
lines, in the first as an
adjective of bulk or mass: "All the
world's a stage," meaning the
whole world, and then: "And all
the men and women merely
players," where it is used as an
indefinite numeral adjective in
which we think of men and women
not as the world's population, but
as separate people.

We have seen how "all" can be
used as a noun, but it is also used
as an adverb as "The bride was
dressed all in white," where all
means wholly. Thus the poet says:
"All bloodless lay the untrodden
snow," i.e., quite bloodless, or ex-
tremely bloodless.

Even "enough" can be used as
an adverb. Tennyson says:
"Pretty enough, very pretty!" and
we even say, quite correctly, "little
enough!"

The word "little" has several
peculiarities. Suppose I say "A
little house makes little work." I
should have to qualify the two
words differently. For instance, I
should say, "A larger house makes
work"—not "larger work." A
smaller house makes less work. The
first "little" means size, but the
second means quantity.

A newspaper cor-
respondent, who
CAL. passed the summer
at Swamscott,
listening to the silence of Pres-
ident Coolidge, recently returned
to New York an unfolded this
yarn, which, if not true, may at
least be readily believed. "Do
you wish to say anything about
prohibition?" the journalist asked
Mr. Coolidge. "No." "About
the coal strike?" "No." "About
the world court?" "No." The
newspaper man turned to go.
"By the way," added Mr.
Coolidge, "don't quote me."

Bishop Collins
PRECOCIOUS Denny was em-
phasizing the need
YOUTH. of beginning early
the moral education of children.
"A Welsh miner delayed getting
his son baptized until the little
fellow was four or five years old,"
he said by way of illustration.
"At the baptism in the church,
while the minister sprinkled
his arms, the minister sprinkled
the lad a little too liberally with
ice-cold water. It was too much
for the boy. He lifted up his
voice and roared 'Give o'er, wilt
tho?' If this does that again
Ah'll hit the one!"

found the inspiration of that
simile "Fun thee into shivers with
his fist, as a sailor breaks a bis-
cuit"; and seen "the new map of
the world with the augmentation
of the Indies," that was so
popular among seafaring men.

Mixed with the mariners of
those ships he might have gone so
far as to hear of "great sea-
marks, standing every faw," of
the depth of "the Bay of Portu-
gal," of the "guards of the pole,"
of taking the altitude or "height"
of a star, of "keeping the wea-
ther-gauge," of the need to "slack
the bolins" in heavy weather; and
learnt to speak of the wind
"fetching about," the anchor
"coming home," of being "unclew-
ed" by misfortune, or "be-lead"
by lack of favour, though no ex-
perience without sea-experience
that I know of ever got the hang
of sailor-talk so naturally.

But admitting all this, there is
still more that can hardly be ex-
plained in these ways. How
came he to know what "noise the
shrouds make at sea, in a stiff
tempest?" that dolphins "showed
their backs above the element they
lived in?" that "a shifted wind
unto a sail" makes a vessel's
course to "fetch about?" "Fetch
about," mark you—or that, in a
chase, if the pursuing vessel
"yaws" a quarry of quick sail will
escape her?

In face of all this it seems to
me that wilder theories have been
put forward to account for the
first year or two of Shakespeare's
life in London than this—that he
made a voyage to sea. Say to
the Levant, or, perhaps, not quite
so far; just across the Bay, let
it be, to Bordeaux or elsewhere,
if the Armada theory prove un-
tenable. I cherish the idea, for
beyond all argument, it is only
right and fitting that he—the su-
perb poet of the Isle of the
silver sea—should have made a
voyage on the element whereon
his country's greatness lies, and
have had first-hand acquaintance
of that way of life whose pecu-
liarities he alludes to with such
ease and accuracy.—Rex
Clements, in "A Gipsy of the
North."

ROUND AGAIN.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Xmas Message.

And the answer is found in the Xmas message that in Christ God has completed, will complete. His creative work, that Jesus Christ is the Everlasting Son of the Father and that in Him we are in touch not with time alone but with Eternity. He is the keystone of the arch of history, the redeeming Presence of God in time.

And as you try to think about it all you will see that God ever was on His way to incarnation—that creation itself is an incarnation—that God has ever been coming to man in creation, in prophecy, in redemption; that God who spoke of old time to our fathers in the prophets hath at the end of these days spoken unto us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things by whom also He made the heavens.

There are curious ideas abroad to-day that there is no God but man, that God is incarnate in the human race, but such is not the message of Christmas and to this the chequered history of man does not agree. The word became flesh and dwelt among us. In Christ and in Christ alone has been the incarnation of the only begotten Son of God.

Season's Lessons.

God has some truths too important to be entrusted to the wise.

And if Christmas teaches us that behind the Universe there is a Person, it also teaches us that it is to the humble and the meek that God reveals Himself, that there are some truths too important to be entrusted to the wise.

When God visited His people—in that holy, awful, joyful hour of visitation—it was not to those who make the world ring with their heavy tread that He came but to the humble, the expectant, the simple, the loyal and the trustful.

It was to a humble Hebrew maid that the angel Gabriel made the great announcement, whom all generations have called blessed. It was of simple shepherds that we read "the Angel of the Lord came upon them and the glory of the Lord shone round about them." It was lowly souls who lived near God—Zechariah, Elizabeth, Simeon and Anna—whom God chose to provide the first welcome for the new born Truth.

The proud, pushing, pleasure loving world with all its noise, with all its strife, with all its emptiness had no time for listening to the herald angels' song. It was too much taken up with other things. That is why it misses so much and with all its wealth is so poor and restless because it has no room for the Best.

A Higher Order Breaks In.

Again, Christmas teaches us that the earthly and heavenly, matter and spirit, are not contrary to or exclusive of one another; that another order is breaking in to this order; another world working for the welfare of this world.

There is hope for this world if that other world mingles with it. Apart from that world is left to its sins and sorrows and the last word upon its affairs is left with chaos and the night.

If you think the Christmas story with all its loveliness and haunting beauty is too wonderful to be credible to modern minds then remember that the child who was born lived, grew up, taught, and healed and died (as we hold) is alive for evermore and that the change He has wrought in human life is more wonderful than the story of His birth; that the control of the world, the Kingdom which has endured, has not been that of Herod or of Caesar but that of the Man of Nazareth, not the sword or the throne but the Kingdom of the Son of Man.

And the storied part is but the prelude of an illimitable future. In days to come men will return to the simplicity of the old Gospel story and find in it a history more real and permanent than any history since and will find in it their redemption and their rest.

Philosophies change, science advances, generations have their day, time shrinks and its barriers crumble, but Christmas Day will never lose its message or its hold. "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulders, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and of peace there shall be no end."

GOOD NEWS FROM AFAR.

Speaking at the Christmas service at Union Church, Kennedy Road, the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald took as his text:

"As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country." Prov. 25/26 and said: This ancient and expressive saying can be read on the walls of our Post Office, and they are well placed, for we in this distant tropical settlement know the value both of the good news and the cold water.

Some time or other in your life you have, doubtless, experienced a really burning thirst on a blazing day, and had to tramp for hours before striking a stream at which it could be quenched.

The traveller in the desert would give his earthly all for a draught of cold water; his soul thirsts, as the Psalmist puts it in another connection. Like that, says our proverb, is the longing of the exile for news from home, and it will be strange, all our means of quick communication notwithstanding, if some soul in this far away spot is not feeling that way this very Christmas time when mail bags all round him are bursting. Friendly greetings, loving remembrances, they have come to most of you. How you looked out for them, and how you would have missed them had they failed to come!

News From Home.

Good news you hoped for from the distant home across the seas, news of the dear ones far away, an assurance that it was well with them and that they remembered you—did it not cheer and refresh the very heart of you? The old man was in fine form, mother still going strong, brother getting on at his job, sister with a fine new baby; your boy just started going to school, your little lass come home with her first prize from it.

Small matters? Yes, but of the little things which make up life, and much more important in their place than all the clatter of the big world. Good news from the far country, only a word or two may be, and that all which has been heard for a twelvemonth—ah, but it brought the distant near, and just made all the difference!

What with cable and wireless and one thing and another we have to do some thinking to imagine the tremendous eagerness with which expected messages were awaited in ancient days when it often took weeks or even months or years to send them.

"How beautiful upon the mountains," sings the prophet of the Restoration, "are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace, that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth."

Feet beautiful! They were indeed, in the eyes of those who strained their eager vision on the city wall for the first glimpse of the herald on the rim of the mountain rampart which cut off the ancient stronghold from the world around. But the herald himself was hot and dusty; he was streaming with sweat and blood from his desperate journey, and the feet of him torn and stained with the roughness of the way.

Breathless, exhausted, half-dead with fatigue and watching, there is nothing to charm the mere eye of sense in his appearance. But to the anxious citizens there is beauty in his very sandals, for it is they that have borne him up on the toilsome journey with the good news that they can breathe again, the good news of peace, safety, deliverance.

Message From Heaven.

Now the gospel of our Lord, the beginning, of which in our world we commemorate on Christmas day is "good news from a far country." If we were deprived of it, if we had to watch and wait for it and wonder if perhaps it might not come, we should know better how supremely good it is and how supremely wonderful. It is a message from heaven to earth, a message of goodwill to this world which is the scene of so much ugly strife and poisoned ill-feeling.

"Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord." Such was the glad tidings of that determining event which took place, indeed, in our world of time but was purposed in the timeless sphere "before the foundation of the world."

Glad Tidings.

"So near and yet so far," we say, is that sphere of perfect good and love, and bliss. Far away, yes, alas, but only because we keep it so, for never was a truer word than the poet's line.

"Heaven lies about us nearer than we think." But, near or far, out of the home of God and of good came the glad tidings that "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing unto men their trespasses."

Is it not indeed like cold water to a thirsty soul? Does it not meet a bitter want? When we get rid for an hour, or a moment even, of our cumbrance, how gladly we draw water from the wells of

salvation, how ready are our ears, aligned with the jarring strife of common days for the heavenly message from the "far country!" The gospel of grace finds a welcome because on one side it is so remote from much in the actual life of men.

"So far," it is a common reflection, sometimes cynical, often wistful, at times despairing. A beautiful dream! "A fair vision! Yes, and instead of thinking it too good to be true take your soul's courage in both hands and understand it is so good that it cannot be false, for the heart of man does not imagine greater things than God will do for it. Believe me there are visions which are too good to be untrue, and if we hold them to our hearts they will realise themselves in life before all is over. The Gospel of grace may seem 'far,' but is no farther than we choose to keep it, and I had rather say 'how near' when I consider how welcome it is to all that is best in the best of men, yes, and in the worst of men, too, if they would admit it.

Self-Willed Exile.

There is another "far country" we have heard of, one toward which the sons of men are too prone to bend their wayward steps. It is the land of self-exile from the Father's home, where we wander in self-will, seeking what we never find; a land where God and good seem beyond our horizon, and everything which too late we begin to know is best without is out of reach. But we know from our blessed Saviour Himself that there can be communication even from that place of exile right through to the home of God, and when the word comes it brings cheer and happiness even to the hearts of the heavenly host. "There is joy in the presence of the angels of God," said He, "over one sinner that repenteth."

What joy there is on earth when news comes that one wandered life is turning home again!

It fell to me many years ago to be the bearer of that good news in an instance never to be forgotten. A friend wrote to me about a brother she had not seen for many years, and of whom nothing had been heard.

I found him out, in an artillery company in the south of England and was able to take the message, "Well and doing well." It was "like a voice from beyond the grave," they said when the family heard it; no such happiness had ever reached them.

Absence From Home.

Now you and I know well that this place is far indeed from home to not a few, far more senses than one. There are men and women going about apparently merry enough, but uneasy at heart because they know the distance they have travelled is not to be measured by mere miles.

If they write home it is less often than they used; their letters are apt to tell less than they omit, and be sure the loving soul who read them do not fail to read between the lines.

What about sending some really good news over that long distance this Christmas time, news that will give more happiness than all the riches of the East if you could dispose of them? Possibly someone who hears or who will read these words may pluck up heart in the strength of God and by the grace of Jesus Christ to make a real break with sin and foolishness, and send a message over to home and up to heaven which will bring such joy that the very ether would shout to carry it. God grant it be so!

UNION CHURCH, KOWLOON.

The first Christmas Day Service held in Union Church, Kowloon, showed in an unmistakable manner the need for such a place of worship, for almost every seat was filled. The children had been asked to bring toys and playthings for the sick and poor, to be distributed by the London Missionary Society. With their own hands, and sometimes very tiny hands they were, they heaped their offerings on the Communion table, and even the smallest infant clearly understood that they were all trying to give a happy Christmas to some poor child. The Minister, the Rev. J. Horace Johnston, presided and the congregation responded most heartily. A liberal offering of nearly \$100.00 was contributed to Sunday School Funds. The Service was brought to a fitting conclusion by the Baptism of the infant son of one of the members, whose name "Wallace MacGregor" received at the font, gives an indication of his nationality.

Mr. Johnston's Message.

This day is a day of rejoicing in all Christian lands, and among the globe, said the Rev. J. H. Johnston, in the course of his address yesterday at Union Church.

Here in Hongkong we set aside all gloomy thoughts and anxious forebodings, put away all bitter feelings, and give ourselves to the goodwill and gaiety of the season.

There is, however, a possibility that amidst all our gladness, we might forget the real cause and deep reason of our joy. Therefore we gather here within this Holy House to acknowledge the source whence every good and perfect blessing flows and call to mind the great giver's greatest gift. Unlike Empire Day or the King's Birthday, this day commemorates an event of more than national significance. It marks on a different level from Armistice Day—momentous though its meaning be. To-day we celebrate an event of supreme importance to the human race, the turning point in the history of the world.

Nineteen hundred and twenty-five years ago (for our Calendar goes homage to the Oracle of Bethlehem), He was born who remains for all time at once the meekest and the kindest of men, completely human and yet perfectly divine, the manifest and godlike of woman born—"the one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." To Him has been given an Empire the extent of which is not to be measured in miles and leagues nor bounded by rivers and ocean coasts. His territory is the mind and heart of man. His dominion is over the will and conscience of the race. The constitution of His Kingdom is love and long suffering, patience and purity, peace and inward joy. It is foretold: "Of the increase of His Government and peace there shall be no end." And who dare deny that, once the eyes of all men turn to Him, once their minds are set to understand and to obey His golden rule of holy brotherhood, once Jesus, lifted on His cross, shall have drawn all men into the glorious fellowship of His sufferings and His outstretched arms have embraced them all within the redemptive purpose of the Almighty Father—then, I say, who dare doubt that injustice and oppression, war and cruelty and all our ten thousand miseries and woes, the hateful progeny of sin's selfishness, shall be banished from the earth and "sorrow and sighing shall flee away."

To Jesus we look with hope and eager expectation as the Champion of our Salvation. There is no other name under Heaven whereby men must be saved.

This is the Church's "Empire Day." This is the birthday of our King. This, in a profound sense, is our "Armistice Day." This is the day when the long hostility of man to God was in Jesus put to rest. In Him Heaven meets earth in close agreement. In Him are "God and sinners reconciled."

Thus we recall the ground of our rejoicing and, however pressing may be the troubles of these present times, however dark the immediate outlook in the future, we lift our thought above and beyond these narrow horizons and find the inspiration of our gladness in the age-long, world-wide, heaven-high purposes of our Redeemer (Ed.)

AT ST. ANDREW'S.

At the Christmas service at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, the Vicar, Rev. G. R. Lindsay, took as his text, Luke 2, v. 10: "Lo, I bring you good tidings." It was just because personal

character was the only true mirror of a person and truth embodied in flesh and blood was more persuasive and satisfying than any other that the Father approached His children through human personalities. God intervened in history to meet men's needs; through the Babe among the bulrushes in Egypt right through to the Babe among the oxen in Bethlehem.

God's supreme revelation of Himself came through one belonging to this self-same sphere of reality in which we ourselves live; one who trod the earth we tread upon now, who lay in a human grave and on Easter morning shattered the same death which slays men.

An Indian priest said to a missionary once, continued the preacher, "It matters nothing to me whether the story of Bethlehem is true or whether Christ was a real person so long as I have the vision of moral beauty which he sets before me." This was the old Greek view struggling to-day for the mastery (in theosophy for instance) that ideas rank far above persons. But the Christian view is that ideas divorced from personal lives in which they are embodied may be attractive but remain vague and powerless to satisfy, as Confucianism bears witness. Jesus was the divine object given in history for believing sight and if our faith faltered, as it so often does, we could look up again for steadying power to Him who is the fairest among ten thousand and altogether lovely.

CARNIVAL DANCE.

The first Christmas eve carnival held at the King Edward Hotel on Thursday evening proved a great success and the arrangements reflected credit on the capable M.C., Mr. J. H. Wittchell, who had arranged a well balanced programme which gave the diners plenty of opportunity for dancing, enough rest, and the opportunity of hearing some excellent singing. The proceedings commenced shortly after 8 p.m. and were kept up with spirit until 1 p.m., at 12 p.m. the M.C. calling the attention to the approach of Xmas day, the toast being drunk all round.

Two rooms, very tastefully decorated, were used for the occasion and there was plenty of floor space for the seventy or so couples who made full use of it.

CHRISTMAS IN SHANGHAI.

Last week carloads of holly, mistletoe and Christmas trees were streaming into Shanghai. Men who during the year cling to the pipe were seen puffing fat cigars, typical mark of the season, and among the Chinese myrmidons of offices, kitchens and homes a strange alacrity was perceptible.

Floriads hidden in the dark green foliage of holly replaced roses and chrysanthemums. Shops in Bubbling Well Road and Avenue Joffre had their doorways lined with Christmas trees and it takes little imagination to transform these sights into entrances to Santa Claus' kingdom of joy.

"Ten dollars' worth of holly and mistletoe, please?" was one order by a foreigner. "Sorree. No can, to-morrow can. Have sold out first supplies. Must wait day, maybe two days," came back the reply. Only small supplies of these Christmas decorations were on the market last week, the bulk of them arriving later.

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- 1 Bt. Vins de France Sherry
- 1 phal. Pomeranian Bitters

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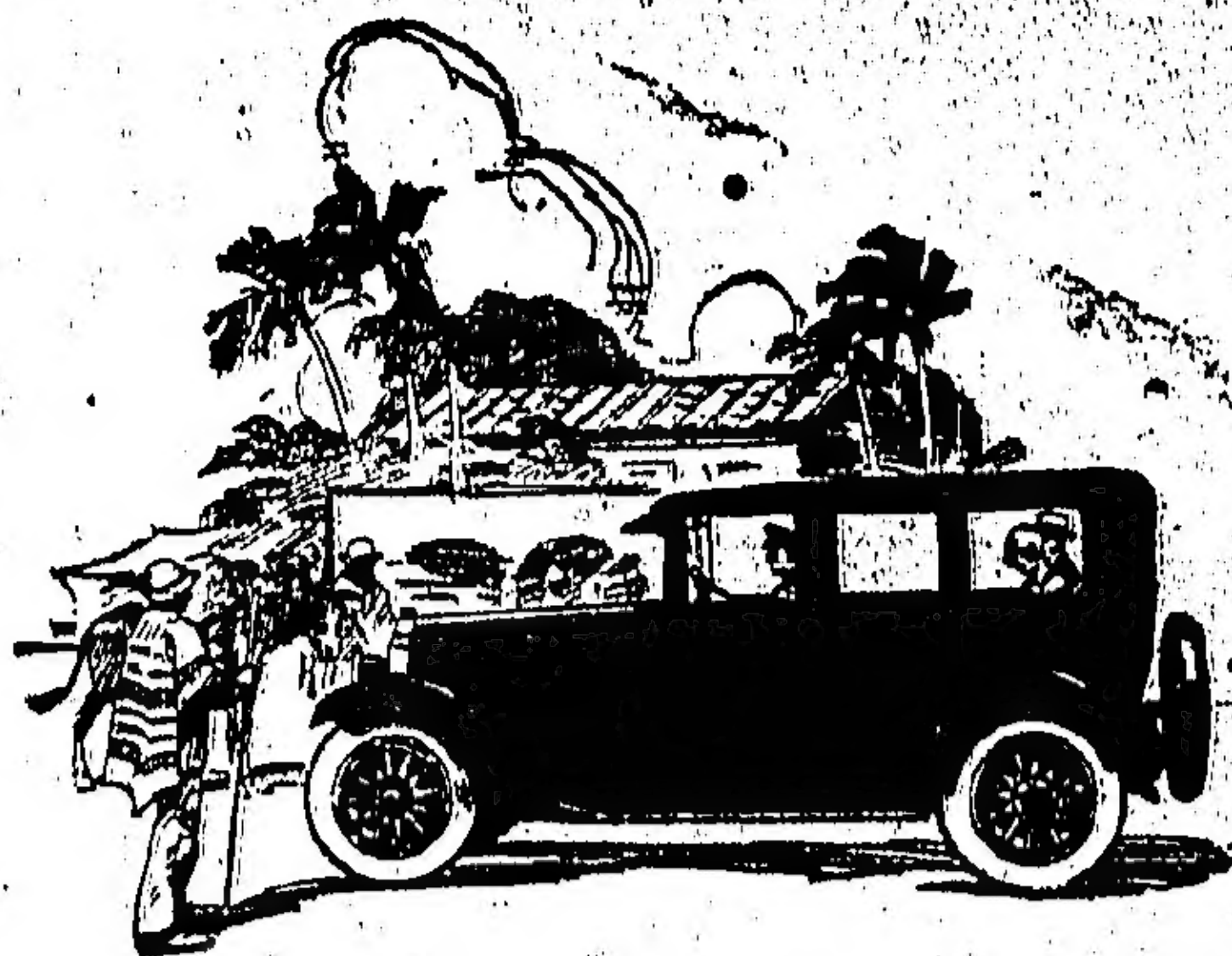
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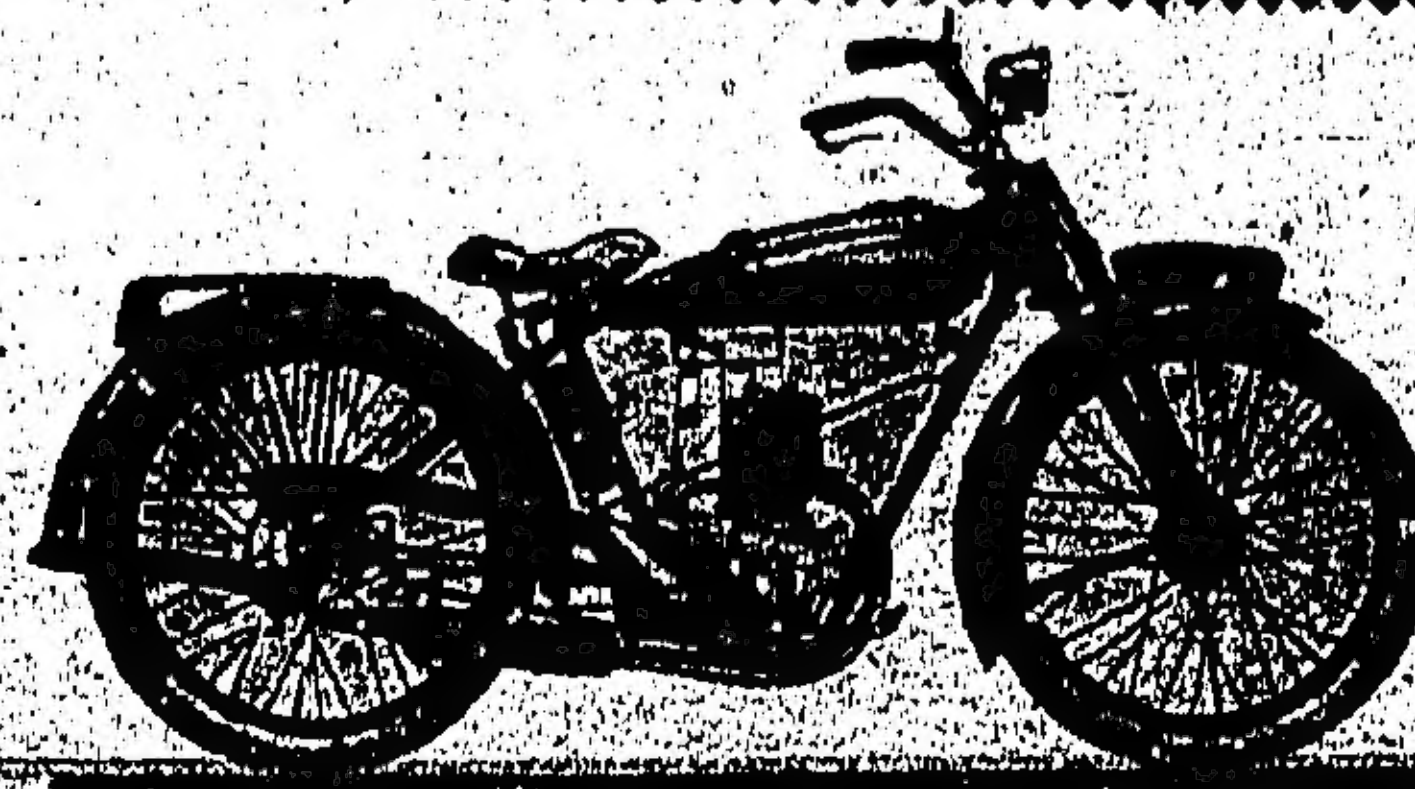
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Rose Day will continue to be held each June in perpetual remembrance of the late Queen Alexandra who began it.

A party from St. Stephen's (Chinese Church) made a pilgrimage in the early hours of Christmas morning distributing gifts to the needy.

To decide whether the annual flower show should be held next year or not, a special meeting of members of the Hongkong Horticultural Society and those interested in horticulture is advertised to be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Thursday, January 7, at 5.30 p.m.

An extraordinary general meeting of Queen's College Old Boys' Association is advertised to be held in the Hall of Queen's College on Wednesday next at 5.30 p.m. for the purpose of considering a proposal to amend the Constitution in a manner indicated in the advertisement. The sixth annual general meeting of the Association is to be held immediately after the extraordinary meeting. At the latter meeting the general committee's report and statement of accounts for the financial year ended November 30 will be presented and officials elected for the year 1926-27.

Mr. Gustav Holst, of Liverpool University attacked the worship of foreign names in music in England. You remember the Blue Viennese, the White Viennese, the Pink Hungarian, and so forth. It is probably not news to you that they were nearly all composed of English players. When we played on the pier as an English band I got two guineas a week, and had no play three times daily on weekdays, twice on Sundays, and was allowed no travelling expenses. When I put on a white and gold uniform and played in the foreign band I got three guineas a week, played twice daily on weekdays, and not at all on Sunday, and got travelling expenses to and from London.

The traffic return of the Shanghai Tramways for the week ended December 2, shows gross receipts amounting to \$109,427, car miles run 122,562 and passengers carried 2,388,296. The miles run during the 11 months ended November 30, were 5,087,812 and the passengers carried 95,434,270 as compared with 118,419,608 for the same period of 1924.

"Her eyes were dilated," said a constable at Marylebone in an effort to describe a symptom of convulsivity. Another officer, referring to a prisoner who had struggled violently, declared, "She was diphtheritic."

"When I arrested her," said a third officer, "she adopted an objective attitude."

"Objective or subjective?" asked the magistrates.

"Well, subjective, your worship," replied the policeman.

"The worst of constables, using long words is that they see so often the wrong ones," observed the magistrate.

The Komeya Hotel on Lake Chuzenji, Nikko, has been burned. The fire was extinguished after all the firemen, members of young men's bodies and reservists' associations had battled the flames, which, aided by a strong wind, spread with terrific speed and consumed the entire building covering more than 120 tatami. Police investigation revealed that the fire was caused by a suicide pact entered into by two guests who had been given a room on the second floor. The man and woman, it was reported, set fire to the Japanese matting of their room, after they had saturated it with petroleum and drunk poison in an attempt to commit suicide. Their bodies were found among the ruins of the building. The hotel was one of the most completely-equipped of the noted resorts, and nearly 50 guests were sleeping in it when the fire broke out. The damage is estimated to be in the neighbourhood of ¥30,000.

It is stated that in some places occupiers of small house property have a novel way of saving. They place in their gas meters half-crowns, three-penny and sixpenny bits, and even pound Treasury notes. When the spare cash is required they send for the collector to open the meters.

For the proper development of the Association Training Camp, Junk Bay, the most valuable acquisition, the sum of at least ten thousand dollars is urgently needed, says the current issue of the "Silver Wolf." You may think that we are asking for a lot. We agree, we are. But we are looking wide and aiming high, or we shall get no-where. At present we are advancing. Please assist us to "keep it up."

Sir Ronald Ross was to leave London for Ceylon on December 11 on board the steamer "Yorkshire" in furtherance of his proposal for all plantation companies to co-operate to drive out malaria from Ceylon. According to this proposal, the companies will be grouped on a geographical basis and a resident malarial expert will deal with each group, reporting to a central committee.

The two Reserve Fleet cruisers, "Yarmouth" and "Calliope" have been detailed to proceed to Hongkong with a relief crew for the flagship "Hawkins," and a new half-crew for the depot ship "Tamar." Captain M. B. Birkett has been appointed to command the latter vessel for voyage out and home. This cruiser has only just been withdrawn from the fully-commissioned strength of the Atlantic Fleet, in which she was commanded by Captain W. T. R. Ford. Instructions have been given "that the total number of ratings carried in both ships is not to exceed the authorised complements." I am glad to think, says a writer, that "Truth" has not been protesting in vain for the past two years against the overcrowding of the Weymouth.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

A Portuguese Women's Association is being formed in Shanghai.

Major R. W. Russell, of the general staff, Malaya Command, is going to Europe on four months' leave.

Dr. Wilson, of Ipoh, relieves Dr. J. H. Banks as M.O., General Hospital, Taiping. Dr. Banks is leaving Malaya.

Mr. R. H. Sidney, of the Victoria Institution, is leaving for home by the "Kashima Maru," sailing on February 20.

Mischa Wigdorelik, the young pianist who recently performed in Hongkong, gave a recital in Singapore on the 17th instant.

Mr. W. McCulloch, of the Chartered Bank, Kuala Lumpur, is to go on leave shortly. Mr. J. Macdonald is likely to act as Agent in place of Mr. McCulloch.

Mrs. H. T. M. Kent has left Port Swettenham for England and does not expect to return for about two years. She will probably visit America, France and Italy while away.

Miss Kemp, European sister of the General Hospital, Taiping, who is attached to the Infant Welfare Branch, leaves Taiping for home. It is understood that she is severing connection with the F.M.S. Government.

Mr. H. C. Butler has resigned his position as general manager in Malacca of Dunlop Plantations, Ltd. Mr. H. E. Burgess has been appointed acting general manager, and Mr. F. W. C. Rippon has been appointed acting assistant general manager.

Ceylon's new Governor, Sir Hugh Clifford, was welcomed back to the island on November 30. In glorious sunshine His Excellency and Lady Clifford stepped ashore and after the reception on the jetty, drove through crowded streets to Queen's Hotel.

The engagement is announced of Mr. C. W. Bailey, of the Light Infantry, to Miss Mary, daughter of Mr. J. H. Bailey, of the Royal Artillery, both of whom are in the service.

Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Chang Tung and Mrs. Lam Woo were passengers in the "President McKinley" which left on Wednesday.

The engagement is announced in Shanghai of Miss Kathleen Gwyneth Thomas, daughter of Mrs. H. J. Everall, to Claude Trenchard Davis, M.C., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Trenchard Davis, formerly of Hongkong.

Prince Chichibu, of Japan, deposited a wreath of chrysanthemums at the foot of the Cenotaph on November 11. A card attached to the wreath bore the inscription: "Prince Chichibu, Japan, in homage."

Governor-General Wood was the guest of honour at the first joint debate between the U. P. Debating Club and the University of Santo Tomas at the Philippine Normal School auditorium, Manila. Associate Justice Malcolm of the Supreme Court, presided. The subject of the debate was "Resolved, that the Philippine Islands should address her plea for independence to the League of Nations."

Members of the Diplomatic Corps, a number of Japanese Government officials and others prominent in society in Tokyo were the guests of the French Charge d'Affaires, Mr. B. Gentil, at a motion picture entertainment in the Imperial Hotel Auditorium. The picture was a premier showing of a French historical play, "The Miracle of the Wolves." The play is the story of the feudal days of France when the powerful barons sought to overthrow the ruler, King Louis XI. It is a remarkably spectacular piece of the cinematographic art.

Reporters subjected the "Aquitania" passengers recently to more than ordinary scrutiny when they found the name John Rendrew on the ship's passenger list. The name suggested a relationship with Baron Rendrew, the famous English diplomat.

Princess of Wales, Elizabeth, was pleased out for their 14th anniversary to the British Royal Family and their 14th anniversary to the British Royal Family.

Mr. Lionel Giles, D. Litt, the learned bibliographer, has been appointed Deputy Keeper in the Department of Oriental Printed Books and Manuscripts in the British Museum.

Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, president of the Reichsbank of Germany, arrived in Chicago recently. The greatest living American, in the opinion of Dr. Schacht, is Vice-President Charles G. Dawes whom he met in Europe during the conferences that led to the adoption of the Dawes plan for stabilizing Germany.

A number of legacies for kindness have been left from his estate of £19,850 by Mr. Coningsby James Erskine, of 77, Lexham Gardens, W., the nephew of the 12th Earl of Kellie. They include sums ranging from £200 to £20, which are to go to his bankers, lawyers, doctor, nurses, and servants.

Miss Hisako Endo, one of the clerks at the Hypothec Bank of Japan, is a winner of £2,000 premium out of the Reconstruction Savings Debentures. The happy clerk said that she was requested to sell two debentures like the rest of her associates and that she bought them for herself, since she was unable to sell them at that time.

A novel bequest and ban on preaching appears in the will of Mr. William Rutherford Cooney, of 15, Willoughby Place, Ennis, who left £3,915. He directs that, in the event of his son Edward, stating in writing that he has ceased to preach and has returned to allegiance to the Church of Ireland, thereby abandoning his means of living, £100 per annum shall be paid to him so long as he adheres faithfully to his decision.

The topic of woman is recurring a great and increasing measure, said Rose Marjorie, the writer. The present position of woman is a novel and interesting one.

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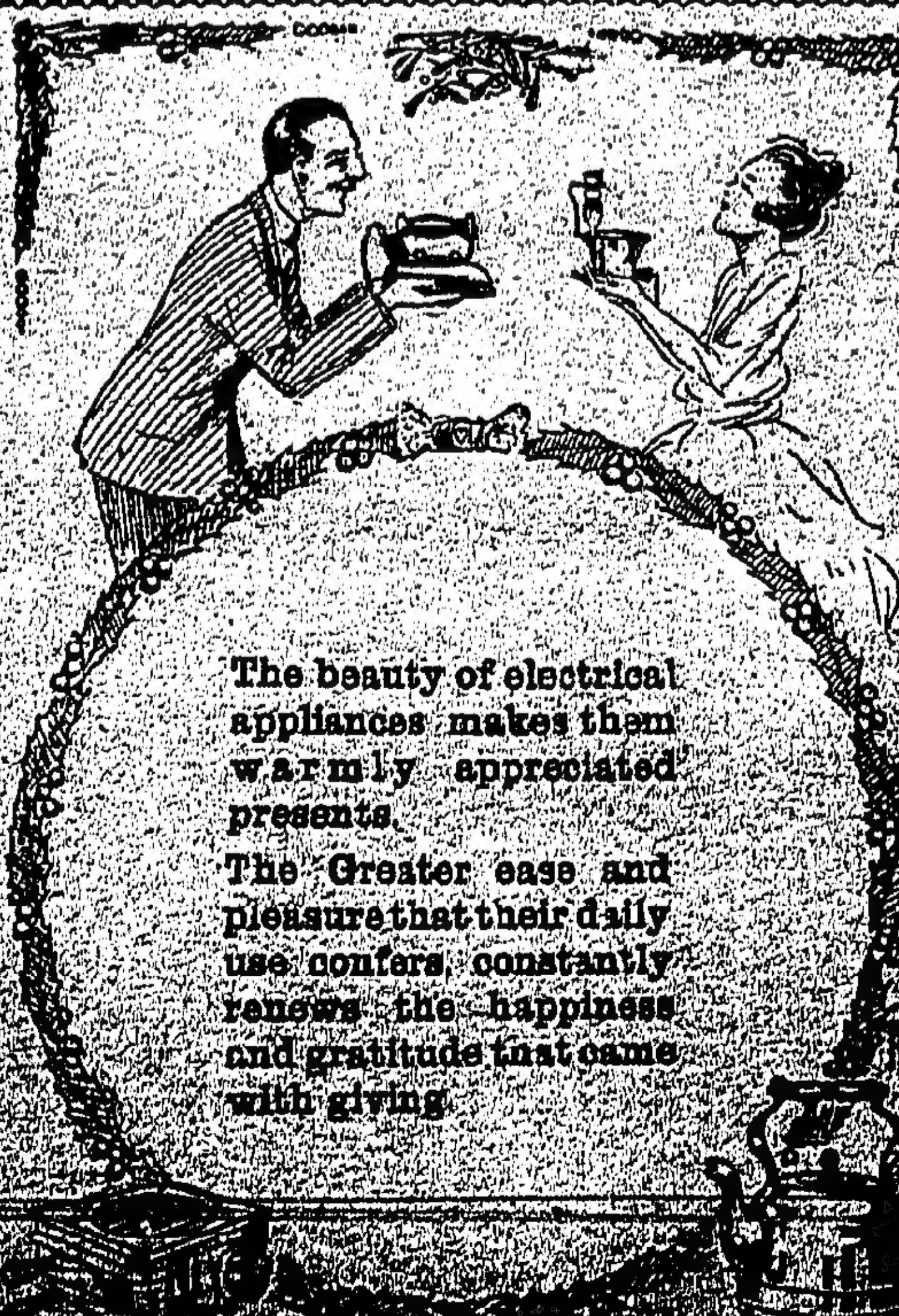
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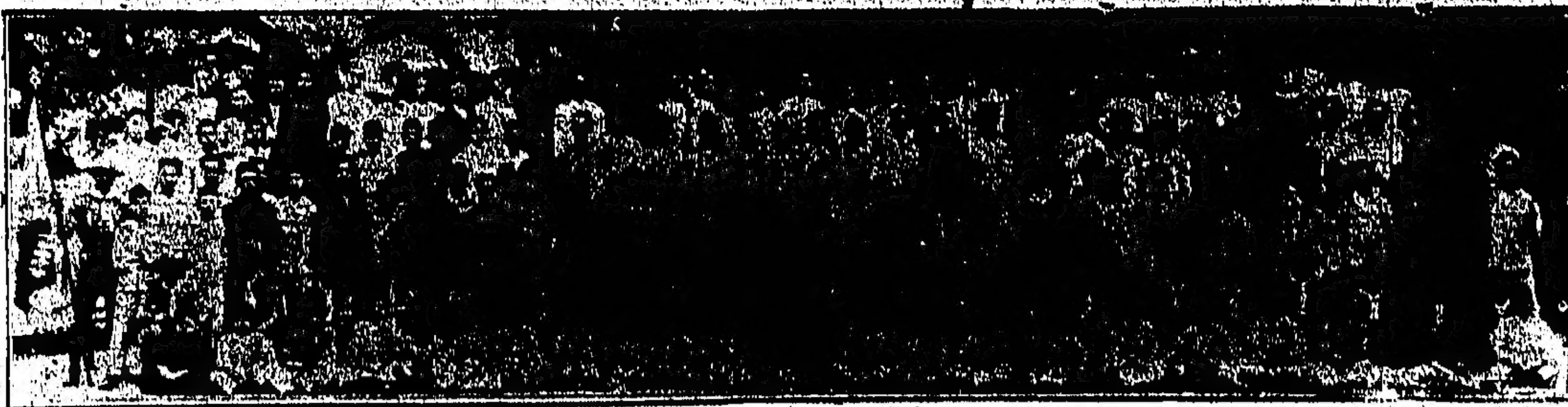


Photo by Lee Fong, 7 Wyndham Street.

Group of the Ying Wah College (Bonham Road) staff and pupils taken last Saturday on the double occasion of a farewell to Mrs. John Fenton (who was one of the teachers) and the beginning of a new school term.

CATHEDRAL WEDDING.

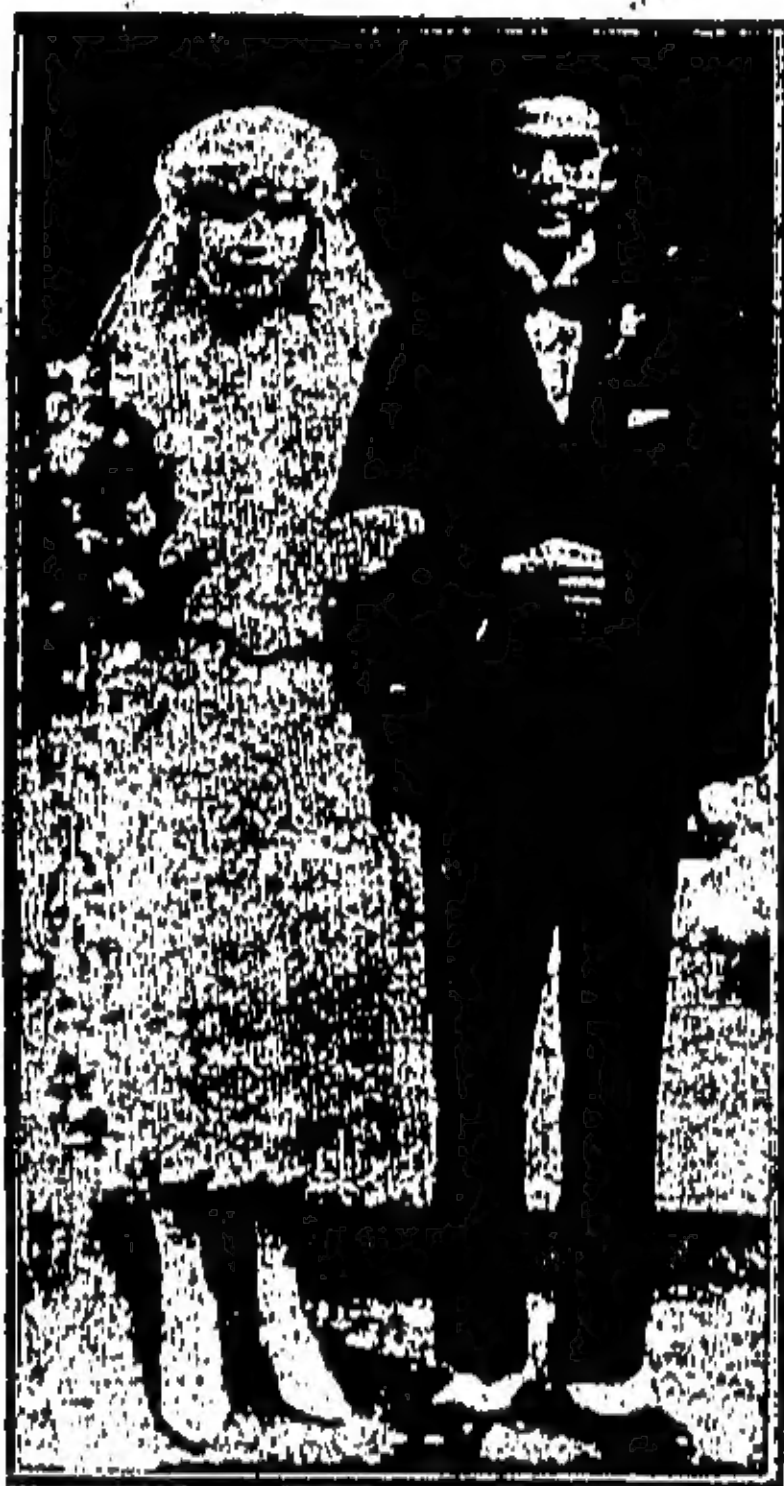


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Mr. William Henry Peters (of the local C.P.S. office) and Miss Rosie Margaret Shen, outside St. John's Cathedral last Saturday, after their wedding.

ANNUAL INTER-SOCIETY YACHT RACE.



Photo by Ying Ming, 50 Queen's Road Central.

Last Sunday St. Andrew's Society defeated St. George's Society in the annual yacht races. This photo was taken at the R.H.Y.C. with the yachts in the background. The teams were, left to right, back row:—Mr. M. J. Henderson (A.); Mr. P. M. Hodgson (G.); Mr. E. W. Carpenter, behind (officer of the day); Mr. H. S. Rouse (G.); Mr. A. L. Shields (captain, A.); Yeoman of Signals Murphy, behind (timekeeper); Mr. F. G. Vaux (G.); front row:—Mr. J. L. Adams (G.); Mr. A. F. Ritchie (A.); Mr. H. J. Pearce (captain, G.); Commodore A. J. B. Stirling, R.N. (A.); Mr. R. Sutherland (A.)



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A group taken after the Peters-Shen wedding. The Misses Stella Lea and Violet Shen were bridesmaids, and the Misses Lena and Gerlie Jex flower girls.

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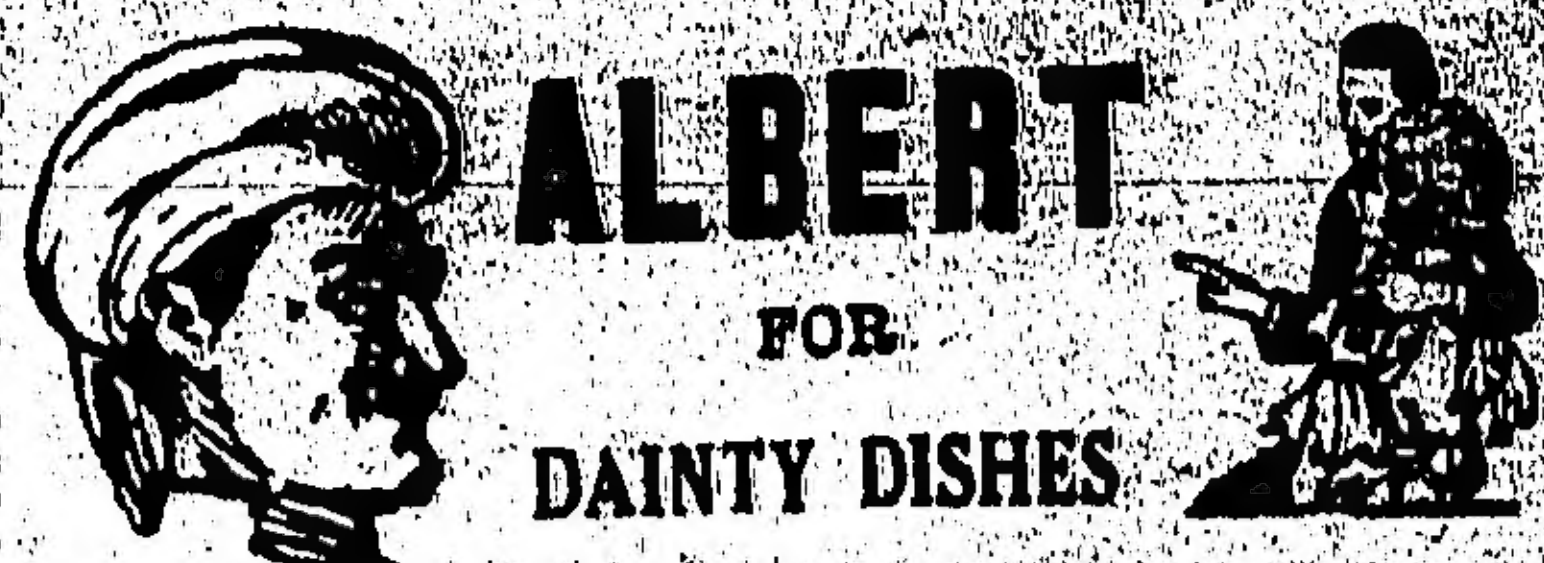
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Whisky Won the War.

Americans here have been surprised at Lord Stevenson's statement that the nation's bread supply depends on the distilleries, and that it takes the distillation of twenty-five million gallons of spirit a year to produce the yeast required for the bakeries. This is a question, they say, that never seriously troubled the advocates of Prohibition in the United States. The reason is that Americans have never depended on their breweries for yeast.

According to the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce in Washington, "the manufacture of yeast for baking is an industry quite apart from brewing." In fact, brewers' yeast is not used in baking, as it is abroad. The Americans, for years before Prohibition was carried, had their yeast factories, which produced yeast as their main product and alcohol as a by-product. The manufacture is now so controlled that a maximum of yeast and a minimum of alcohol are produced. This alcohol is now either denatured or turned into vinegar or acetone or some other product for industrial use.

The Worn-Out Horse Traffic.
The campaign against the export of infirm and diseased horses conducted during the last few years by the R.S.P.C.A. and other societies, carried conviction to so many minds that the Departmental Committee's report has been read with a feeling of surprise verging upon incredulity, says the "Manchester Guardian". The Committee find that the arrangements for killing these horses abroad are satisfactory. They deny that animals are shipped in such a condition of disease or injury as makes travelling a cruelty. They retort upon those who bring this charge that no horse is passed for export which is not fit to travel, and that the test applied is so exacting that horses may be seen at work in England which would fail to satisfy it. The report makes a strange sort of counter-attack. The humanitarian societies are reproved for the methods they have used in their campaign against this traffic, and the R.S.P.C.A. in particular is accused of arranging for the slaughter of a horse by a cruel method, not commonly used in Belgium, in order to produce a propagandist film. The Society has issued an emphatic denial.

The Babe of Christmas.

Dear little child of Bethlehem, We welcome Thee to-day: A babe of winsome sweetness, Who holds a wondrous sway. Two thousand years of story Have passed since first you came: To-day undimmed Thy glory, To-day unmarred Thy name. Peace and Good Will were ushered By angels at Thy birth: Peace and good will are needed Upon this travelled earth.

Come, little child of Bethlehem, With Thy unsold feet, Walk Thou along our highways, And down each sin-stained street.

Oh, fill our lips with music, Our hearts make undefiled, As we with radiant faces, Give welcome, Holy Child.

Dear little child of Bethlehem, We recognise Thy way: Bring peace, good will unto us, Upon this Christmas Day.

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A New Shampoo.
They are beginning to use a new kind of soap in Italy, a friend back from that country tells us (says a "Daily Chronicle" writer). Instead of using soap and water, as most civilised people do, the new commodity, the invention of a young Czechoslovakian chemist, is rubbed straight on to the face, the heat of the skin causing some of it to cling to the face. Then the user simply proceeds to rub away as if he were using soap and water. They say that this process has something of the effect of a Turkish bath upon the face, and that it leaves one feeling much fresher and cleaner than any other process does.

Who Changes Fashions?
At last the quick-change fashion game seems to be really up, and the conspirators no longer think it worth while to hide their hands. A witness told Mr. Justice McCord that designers and dress-makers like herself tried to alter the designs every season "to make the people leave off their old clothes and buy new ones." This at least is frank. It will be a relief to be done with the absurd tags about "the capriciousness of Eve" or "the fickleness of lovely woman" in matters of dress. The fact is that women are resisting the designers' more and more. Short skirts and short hair are not pleasing the dressmakers and coiffeurs, but women insist on their staying "in."

King Solomon's Temple.
The private view of the Architecture Club's third exhibition at the Maddox-street Galleries of the Royal Institute of British Architects was something of a social function, since the club includes, not only a hundred architects, but also a hundred men of letters and a hundred distinguished laymen who can claim for one reason or another to be specially concerned with architecture. The feature which attracted most attention was a group of drawings by an American architect for a reconstruction of King Solomon's Temple and Citadel, which is to be set up at the Philadelphia Exhibition next year. Both the general style and the details which the architect calls "close ups" are Egyptian, and the cost of this imagined reconstruction, which will cover 45 acres, will be \$250,000.

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FROM	SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26.	FROM
Shanghai, Japan and Hongkong	Shanghai	Shanghai
U.S.A. Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Shanghai	Shanghai
Straits	Straits	Straits
EUROPE via Japan, Korea, Marseilles & London	Shanghai	Shanghai
Nov. and Parcel 19th Nov.	Shanghai	Shanghai
MONDAY, DECEMBER 28.		
Straits	Shanghai	Shanghai
FRIDAY, JANUARY 1.		
Manila	Shanghai	Shanghai
SUNDAY, JANUARY 3.		
Manila	Shanghai	Shanghai
MONDAY, JANUARY 4.		
U.S.A. Honolulu Japan & Shanghai	Shanghai	Shanghai
U.S.A. Honolulu Japan and Shanghai	Shanghai	Shanghai
Japan	Shanghai	Shanghai
FRIDAY, JANUARY 8.		
Australia and Manila	Shanghai	Shanghai

OUTWARD MAILS.

TO	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27.	TO
Hohow and Haiphong	Hohow	Hohow
Manila	Manila	Manila
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Manila	Manila
MONDAY, DECEMBER 28.		
Amoy	Manila	Manila
Shanghai, Japan via EUROPE via Siberia	Shanghai	Shanghai
Letters and Postcards specially super-scribed "via Siberia" only	Shanghai	Shanghai
Amoy and Poochow	Shanghai	Shanghai
Straits	Shanghai	Shanghai
Amoy	Shanghai	Shanghai
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30.		
Sandakan	Shanghai	Shanghai
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31.		
Hohow	Shanghai	Shanghai
FRIDAY, JANUARY 1.		
Amoy	Shanghai	Shanghai
SATURDAY, JANUARY 2.		
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A. & Europe	Shanghai	Shanghai
via SAN FRANCISCO—due San Francisco, 12th Jan., 1926 & Europe via Siberia (Letters and Postcards specially super-scribed "via Siberia" only)	Shanghai	Shanghai
Parcel Noon. Registration 2.45 p.m.	Shanghai	Shanghai
Letters 3.30 p.m.	Shanghai	Shanghai
MONDAY, JANUARY 4.		
Straits and Calcutta (Parcel Noon. Letters 1 p.m.)	Shanghai	Shanghai
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A. Central & South America & EUROPE via VICTORIA, B.C.—due Victoria B.C., 23rd Jan. 1926. Parcel Noon. Registration 2.45 p.m. Letters 3.30 p.m.	Shanghai	Shanghai
TUESDAY, JANUARY 5.		
Manila, Sandakan, AUSTRALIA and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 10th Jan. 1926. Parcel 5 p.m. Registration 2.45 p.m. Letters 3.30 p.m.	Shanghai	Shanghai
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6.		
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A. Central & South America & EUROPE via VICTORIA, B.C.—due Victoria B.C., 23rd Jan. 1926. Parcel Noon. Registration 2.45 p.m. Letters 3.30 p.m.	Shanghai	Shanghai

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